

REMARKS

Reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims, in view of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated May 18, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 8-10, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Dovek '887 (U.S. Patent No. 5,650,887) in view of Jang '737 (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0117737); and rejected claims 4-5 and 11, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Dovek '887 in view of Jang '737 and Nakamoto '969 (U.S. Patent. No. 5,969,896).

The Examiner also indicated that claims 6, 7, and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In an effort to expedite the examination of this application, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-12, thereby rendering the prior art rejections of the claims moot. Accordingly, Applicant requests the immediate withdrawal of the rejections, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

By this Amendment, Applicant has also introduced new independent claims 13-15. Applicant submits that new claims 13-15 are essentially claims 6, 7, and 12 rewritten in independent form, which incorporate the features already indicated by the Examiner as being patentable, and no new matter has been introduced.

All matters having been addressed and in view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the immediate allowance of all pending claims.

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Applicant's Counsel remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter. Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975, under Order No. **008312-00308795**. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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